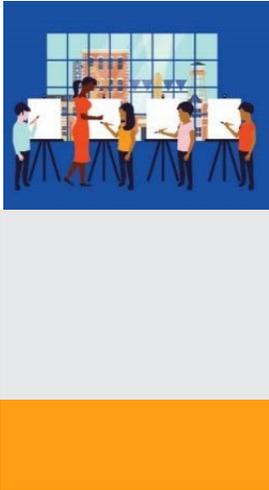




The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all **50 States** in the United States.

In the past 5 years... The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$5,042,700** in grants in **Maryland**.



In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in Maryland added **2.9%**, or **\$11.1 billion** to the state's economy.
- Maryland's arts and cultural industries employ **79,266** workers. These workers earn wages and benefits totaling **\$5.9 billion**.
- **34.2%** of Maryland's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **24.3%** attended art exhibits.

National Endowment for the Arts Programs from FY16-FY18

The **Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **115 participating museums** in Maryland.

The **Poetry Out Loud** is a national competition which develops communication skills, presence, and confidence through the study, memorization, and public recitation of poetry. In Maryland, over **25,240 students** participated from among **122** high schools.

The **Big Read** program generated **127** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **9,420** adults and students in Maryland.

The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program enabled schools in Maryland to offer **10,500** children the opportunity to see free live professional performances of Shakespeare.

The **Creative Forces** program is expanding access to creative arts therapies and arts engagement opportunities for injured service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers. National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE) at Walter Reed is participating in this innovative program.



2019 Agency Calendar of Events

Blue Star Museums: Armed Forces Day (5/18) - Labor Day (9/2)

June Meeting of the National Council on the Arts: 6/19-6/21

National Book Festival: 8/31

National Heritage Fellows Awards & Concert: 9/18-9/20

October Meeting of the National Council on the Arts: 10/24-10/25





NOTEWORTHY

Examples of Schools & Organizations Receiving Past Endowment Support Include:

MD-1

Gerstell Academy
Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art
Lighthouse Christian Academy

MD-5

Calvert High School
College Park Aviation Museum
The King's Christian Academy

MD-2

Towson University
Fire Museum of Maryland
Children's Chorus of Maryland

MD-6

Alleghany Arts Council
Walkersville High School
City of Frederick

MD-3

Historic Annapolis
US Naval Academy Museum
National Electronics Museum

MD-7

Homewood Museum
The Star-Spangled Banner House
Jewish Museum of Maryland

MD-4

World Arts Focus
Arundel High School
Montpelier Mansion

MD-8

American Dance Institute
Round House Theatre
Washington Chu Shan Chinese Opera Institute

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